# Collaborative R&D: Maintaining the Nuclear Fleet & Advanced Reactor Technology

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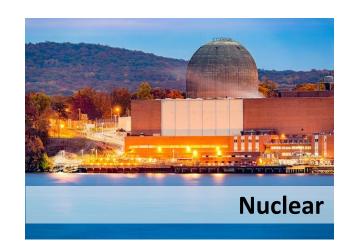


#### **About EPRI**

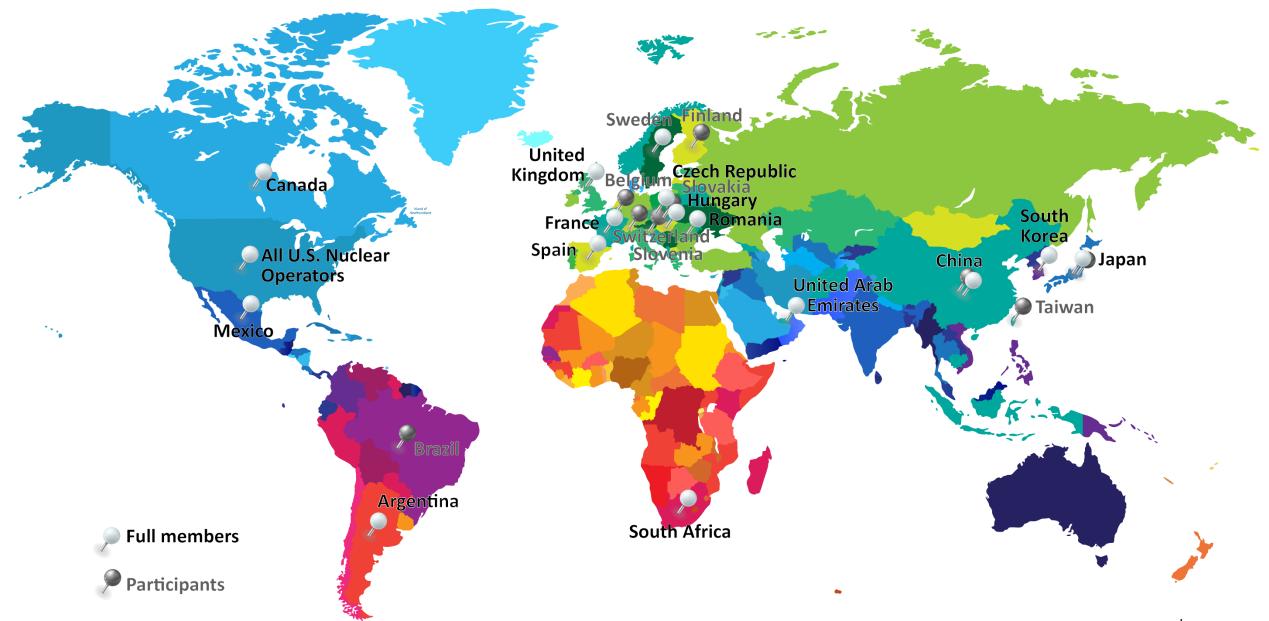
- Independent, nonprofit center for public interest energy and environmental research
- Collaborative resource for the electricity sector
- Offices in California, North Carolina, Tennessee; laboratories in North Carolina, Tennessee, Massachusetts
- 450+ participants in more than 30 countries







# The countries our Nuclear Sector serves



#### **Core Drivers**



### Maximize

the safe utilization of existing nuclear assets

#### **Enable**

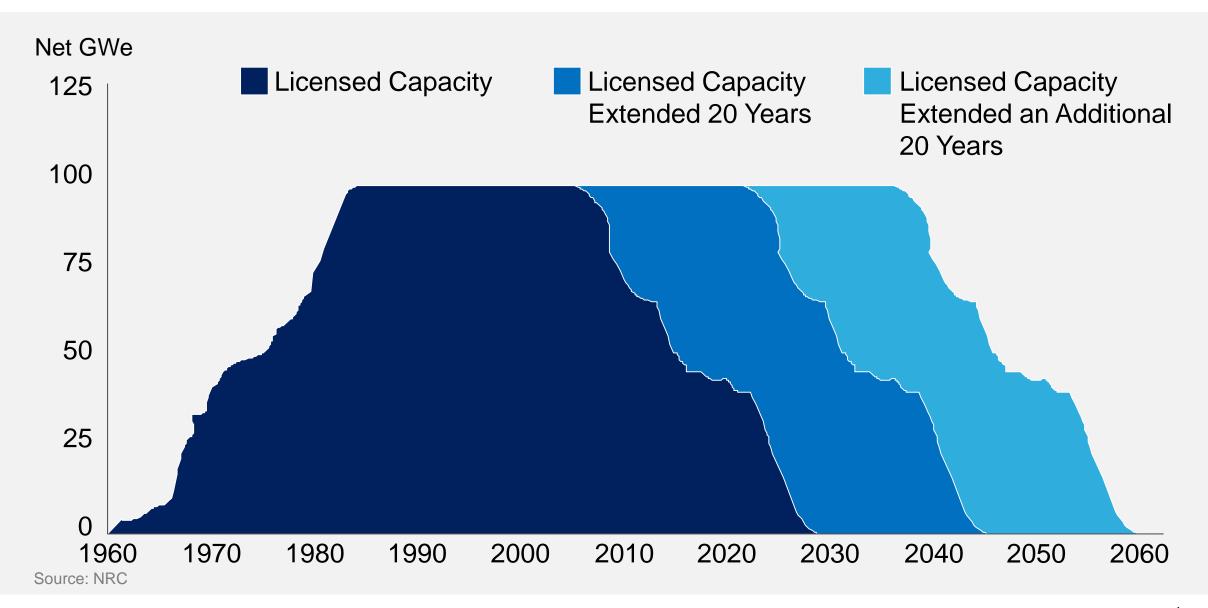
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#### **Assess**

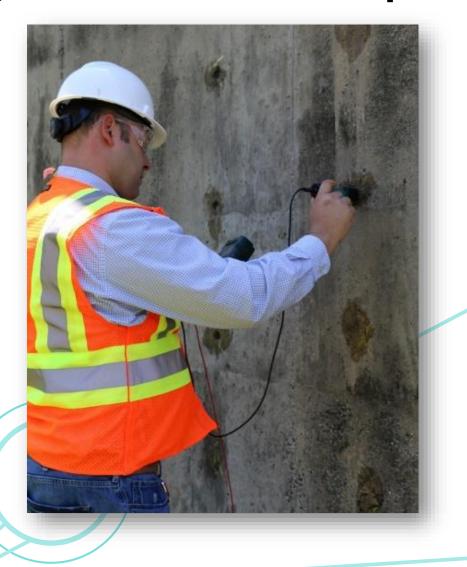
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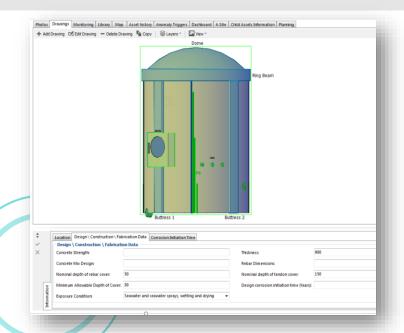


# **U.S. Nuclear Generating Capacity**



# Keeping the current fleet operating







# Enabling life beyond 60 years of operations





#### Value Based Maintenance



# THE GOAL: Establish the right equipment reliability for the right cost





## **Plant Modernization**



# **Advanced Manufacturing**





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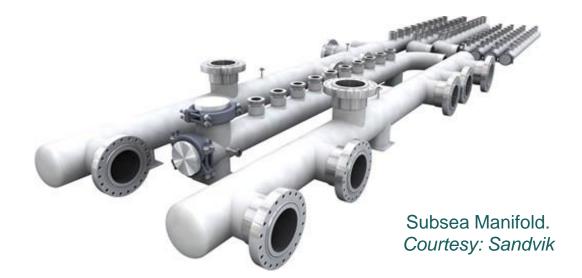
Lower Flange Shell Mockup EB Weld -- ~6 ft (1.82m) diameter (mockup is upside down)

Completed in 47 minutes

Photographs courtesy of EPRI and NuScale Power



Diode Laser Cladding equipment setup (courtesy of N-ARMC)



# **Key Interfaces**

































#### **INDUSTRY COLLABORATION**

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT **ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT** FREQUENT COMMUNICATIONS

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# Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity